

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2006. The Examiner's comments in this Office Action have been carefully considered.

While claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 14 have been rejected, for reasons set forth in the Office Action, claims 12 and 13 have been allowed and claims 5 and 8-10 have been objected to. The objection to original claim 14, now canceled, has been noted and claims 5 and 8-10 which incorporate original claim 14 have been amended to address the objection. It is submitted, therefore, that the objection to claim 14 has been overcome in the amended allowable claims.

The allowable claims have been rewritten in independent form and, therefore, should be allowed with the allowance of claims 12 and 13. Following the amendments to the claims there are now six (6) independent claims. Kindly charge Deposit Account 10-0100 for three (3) additional independent claims above the number originally paid upon filing and any other fees, including extension of time fees.

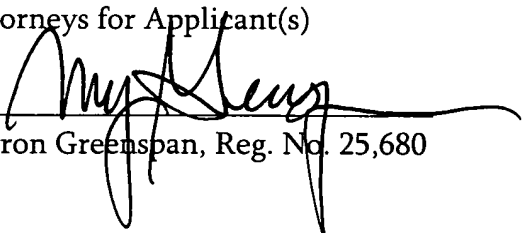
Since the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice this application should now be in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant hereby petitions that any and all extensions of time of the term necessary to render this response timely be granted. Costs for such extensions and any other fees that may be due with this paper that are not fully covered by an enclosed check may be charged to our account no. 10-0100.